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Surface Transportation Board
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**RE: Proposed Abandonment of an Western Portion of the Bristow Subdivision
from M.P. 318.66 near Hampton to M.P. 326.50 near Coulter, a distance of
7.84 miles in Franklin County, Iowa; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 201X)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific" has received the attached request from the Iowa Trails Council dated September 13, 2004 for a 180 day extension in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition under the provisions 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 regarding that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way known as the Western Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from Milepost 318.66 near Hampton, Iowa to Milepost 326.50 near Coulter Iowa, a distance of 7.84 miles in Franklin County, Iowa. The Union Pacific is willing to continue negotiating with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the Council's request for a 180 day extension in which to negotiate. A copy of the Iowa Trails Council's request is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter with exhibits are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely yours,

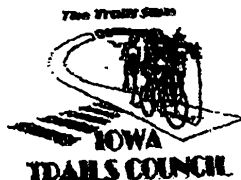
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cc: Iowa Trails Council

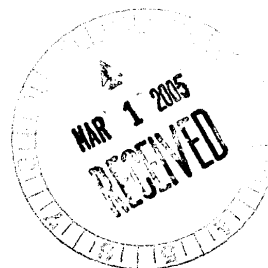
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February 27, 2005

Mr. Vernon Williams
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Dear Mr. Williams:

This is with reference to AB33 (Sub No. 201X). We are requesting that we be given an additional 180 days in which to finalize the negotiations to acquire this railroad right-of-way for conversion to a trail as outlined by federal legislation.

This particular line, located in Franklin County, Iowa, between Coulter and Hampton continues to be of interest to the Iowa Trails Council and to the Franklin County Conservation Board, which the Council represents.

We are forwarding ten copies of this request to the Board and sending copies of this request to the Legal Counsel for the Union Pacific Railroad in Chicago and to the Real Estate Offices of the Railroad in Omaha. We trust that you will receive confirmation of the Union Pacific's agreement to granting of this extension of time shortly.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

Affiliates: American Discovery Trail Society-American Hiking Society-Rails/Trails Conservancy-Am

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